



JFS School
The Mall, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex, HA3 9TE.

POLICY ON KASHRUT

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The School motto, Orah Viykar, encourages us to bring 'light and honour' to all aspects of school community life. Food provides many opportunities for realising this aspiration:

- To create opportunities for community building by providing a welcoming environment
- To sit with friends at lunch times, and crucially, to sit with people outside of our immediate friendship circles so as to develop new connections
- To consider our good fortune in having access to food and the plight of others whom are not so fortunate
- To consider our world and its finite resources and to avoid wasting food and water as individuals and as a community
- To bring 'light and honour' by showing respect to the religious principles of the laws of Kashrut at JFS and when on JFS educational visits/activities as detailed in this Policy

1. General

1.1 JFS adheres to the religious principles of the laws of Kashrut and expects staff, students and visitors to respect these principles/laws when in school or on any school activity.

1.2 As a modern, orthodox, Jewish school under the auspices of the Office of the Chief Rabbi/United Synagogue, we follow the guidelines set out by the KLBD (Kosher London Beth Din). These guidelines can be found in the 'Really Kosher Food Guide' and the 'IS IT KOSHER' App and Website.

2. Staff

2.1 Staff are welcome to bring in their own food from home but need to ensure that it is only consumed in one of the departmental resource bases.

2.2 Teachers wishing to give food to their class should purchase it from the Mezzanine Café, or ensure that it complies with the guidelines of the KLBD (see section 1b). However, there may be some staff/students for whom 'supervised milk' is a requirement and therefore, staff organising food in class should be sensitive to this and ensure there are options for them. Any member of the Jewish Education faculty is able to provide advice in this regard.

2.3 Staff may only remove food from the Dining Hall or Mezzanine Café if it is on disposable plates/with disposable cutlery.

2.4 No food should be taken into the Dining Hall or Mezzanine Café. Additionally, the Headteacher's Office and Synagogue are considered kosher spaces.

3. Students

3.1 Only students whose parents(s)/guardian(s) have signed the JFS Packed Lunch Agreement may bring food onto the school site. Where the agreement is breached the school will contact parents to inform them that as a result the student will no longer be able to choose the packed lunch option for a designated period of time.

[See Appendix 1, the Packed-Lunch Agreement and Appendix 2, The Healthy, Kosher, Packed-Lunch JFS Guide]

3.2. Students who have not signed the packed lunch agreement are only permitted to bring fruit and water to school at any time.

3.3 Students with medical conditions that relate to dietary needs should discuss these with the relevant Head of Year who should liaise with their SLT line manager.

3.4 There will be consequences for students who breach the School Kashrut Policy. Consequences will be in line with the school behaviour policy and the degree to which the Kashrut of the school is compromised will determine the sanctions imposed.

4. After-School Activities and/or Educational Visits

4.1 Food from Caterlink or Certified Kosher food will be made available for students who are remaining for after-School activities or participating in residential school visits.

4.2 Staff arranging such activities are responsible for ensuring the necessary provision of Kosher food. Appropriate guidance for such provision can be obtained from the Deputy Headteacher for Jewish Life and Learning.

5. Kashrut Education

5.1 The school will facilitate education regarding Kashrut to students, parents and staff through induction events, Food Technology lessons and via the school website.

This Policy works in conjunction with the following school policies:

- Home School Agreement
- School Behaviour Policy
- Staff Conduct Policy
- Medical Policy